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SUBJECT: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY - RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND

--- FROM FOREIGN TRANSACTION COMPANY (FTC)

REF: A) TEHRAN 3826; B) STATE 078948

1. SIPS HAS SPOKEN WITH RAYMOND RIORDAN, PRES., MACK INTERNATIONAL AND DALE CHAUKEER, VICE PRES., MACK INT'L RE REFTEL A. RIORDAN READ SIPS HIS LETTER OF MARCH 12 TO AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI. ONLY PORTION OF LETTER WHICH MAY BE CONSTRUED DIRECT AND ASSERTIVE IS A REFERENCE TO IRAN'S LEGAL AND MORAL OBLIGATION TO REFUND THE PERFORMANCE BOND. NEVERTHELESS, RIORDAN SENT, IN P.M. OF 15TH, CABLE (WITH BLIND COPY TO EMBASSY) TO AZMUDEH APOLOGIZING FOR ANY UNFORTUNATE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM HIS LETTER AND REAFFIRMING HIS DESIRE THAT THE MANY PREVIOUS YEARS OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND MACK SHOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED. RIORDAN HAS AUTHORIZED MCGUIRE TO ALSO RELAY THIS MESSAGE PERSONALLY TO AZMUDEH DUE TO HIS INABILITY TO TRAVEL TO IRAN AT THIS TIME.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED AND TO POTENTIAL REPERCUSSIONS HERE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD THIS PROBLEM NOT BE RESOLVED, WE FEEL THAT
AMBASSADOR HELM'S INTERVENTION WOULD BE INVALUABLE IN
BRINGING ISSUE TO SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT. ROBINSON

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